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# ADMISSION ON MOTION COVER MEMORANDUM

From: Christopher Thomas, Executive Secretary

Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners

The admission on motion application follows this cover memorandum. I offer this cover memorandum as a source of additional guidance and information to applicants seeking admission on motion to the Bar of Arkansas.

You are obliged to obtain fingerprints from an authorized law enforcement agency and return them to this office. The appropriate fingerprint card will be sent to you upon receipt of the application. **Do not submit a fingerprint card with your application.** 

Please understand that processing of your application and completion of the admission on motion process is likely to take at least four months, perhaps more depending upon the circumstances of each individual application. Be aware that upon receipt of your application and filing fee, an initial review will be done, which generally takes several weeks. After that you will receive an acknowledgment letter with further instructions, including fingerprinting. We offer no expedited service.

While all questions on the application are important, and must be fully completed, you should direct particular attention to responding to **questions 4 and 12.** Please remember the burden is on the applicant to establish he or she meets the requirements of "active practice of law" as defined on page 3 of the application package. Thus, when completing the response to question 4 concerning previous employment, you are encouraged to take special care in elaborating upon the nexus between your employment and one of the various categories which qualify as "active practice of law." With regard to question 12, please pay particular attention to subsection (d) of that question, noting that **two** separate documents are required from each jurisdiction in which you are licensed.

Finally, for those periods during which you were engaged in the private practice of law either as a solo practitioner or as a member of a law firm, you must complete the **certificate of practice** which appears as page 15 of the application.

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#### ADMISSION ON MOTION

# INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS IN PREPARING CHARACTER QUESTIONNAIRE AND ATTACHMENTS

FIRST: THE CHARACTER QUESTIONNAIRE

Mail or deliver to: STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

120 JUSTICE BUILDING

625 MARSHALL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

- The answers must be typed or printed legibly;
- 3. The answers must be full and complete; and,
- 4. IF THE APPLICATION IS ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEB SITE, THE FORMAT <u>CAN NOT</u> BE ALTERED IN ANY FASHION.

#### SECOND: THE FEE

- 1. FEE FOR APPLICATION A single MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK payable to the CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT in the amount of \$1500.00. The payment should be attached to the front of the questionnaire. Make certain that your check or money order is negotiable for at least six months from the date of issuance.
- 2. The fee is non refundable. However, if it develops you are not eligible for admission on motion you may take the next Arkansas Bar Exam, at no cost, for which the application deadline has not passed.

#### THIRD:

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT YOUR LAW SCHOOL CERTIFIES YOU TO THE BOARD AS A GRADUATE. You must utilize the form which appears as page 14 of the application package, or an original letter of certification of graduation that contains similar affirmations as those that appear on the form. Upon receipt from your law school, the document should be included with your application.

You must be a graduate of a law school which was accredited by the American Bar Association at the time of your graduation.

#### FOURTH:

It is your responsibility to provide sufficient evidence to establish that you meet the requirements for admission on motion pursuant to Rule XVI of the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Arkansas.* In addition to your completed questionnaire and attachments, the Board, in its discretion, may require further evidence relating to your eligibility for admission on motion.

# CHARACTER QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF ARKANSAS BY MOTION

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: Complete, sign, and make affidavit to this form. Print legibly or use typewriter. You must sign and return the "Record Check Form" and the "General Release" which are attached to the back of this Character Questionnaire. All statements are to be based on your knowledge, unless the statement is expressly qualified to the source of your information. If the space for an answer is insufficient, you must complete your answer on a separate attached sheet.

### PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION. IF INAPPLICABLE, PLEASE INSERT N / A.

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4. Make a complete statement of all employment you have had, or business or occupation in which you have been engaged during the preceding 10 years. <u>Begin with the most recent employment.</u> Include temporary or part-time work. For each period of private practice, either as a solo practitioner or member of a firm, complete and attach the "Certificate of Practice" (pg. 15).

Admission on Motion in this jurisdiction requires that you have been engaged in the "active practice of law" for five of the last seven years. The "active practice of law" is defined by the Arkansas Supreme Court as one or more of the following categories:

Representation of one or more clients in the practice of law; Service as a lawyer with a local, state, territorial or federal agency, including military service; Teaching law at a law school approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association; Service as a judge in a federal, state, territorial or local court of record; Service as a judicial law clerk; or, Service as a corporate counsel.

With this information in mind, the following inquiries are designed to determine whether your history of employment meets one or more of those standards. If more space is required for explanation of your employment history, please duplicate the next page (4) as necessary and attach as an addendum to this application. For solo practice enter your name as "Employer."

State as to each employment, business or other occupation, the following:

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	(1)	Do you currently have any condition or impairment including, but not limited to, mental or emotional infirmity, alcoholism, substance abuse, or nervous disorder or condition which in any way currently affects, or if untreated could affect, your ability to practice law in a competent and professional manner in this jurisdiction? (Enter Yes or No) If yes, briefly describe the condition or impairment.					
	(g)	Are you currently utilizing or being treated with prescription drugs or other substances in order to manage a mental or emotional infirmity, alcoholism, substance abuse, or nervous disorder or condition?(Enter Yes or No) If yes, briefly describe the prescription drugs or substances.					
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9.		you ever held any judicial office?(Enter Yes or No). If yes, state where, when, offices held.					
10.	(a)	Have you ever been bonded under a Fidelity or Surety Bond? (Enter Yes or No). If yes, specify nature of office or position for which you were bonded, dates, amount of bond, name of surety company, if known, and whether anyone ever sought to recover upon your bond or cancel same.					
	(b)	Have you ever been refused a fidelity or other bond?(Enter Yes or No.) If yes, state facts and circumstances.					

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13.	(a)	Have you ever applied for or been granted a license, <b>other than as an attorney at law</b> , the procurement of which required proof of good moral character or examination, (i.e., Certified Public Accountant, Patent Attorney, Real Estate Broker, etc.)? (Enter Yes or No). As to each application for, or license granted, state the date it was granted, or withdrawn,
		and the name and address of the authority issuing it.
	(b)	If withdrawn or denied, provide details.
	(c)	If any license has been revoked or terminated, state the date the license was revoked or terminated, the manner of termination or revocation, and the reasons for the termination or revocation.
	(d)	Was any disciplinary action ever taken against you by the authority issuing the license or governing your conduct as a licensee?(Enter Yes or No). If yes, state the dates such action was taken, the details of each complaint, and the results of any action taken by the issuing or governing authority.
14.	may l conta	nere any unfavorable incidents in your life, whether at law school, business, or otherwise, which have a bearing upon your character or your fitness to practice law, not called for by the questions lined in this questionnaire or disclosed in your answers? (Enter Yes or No) If yes, give etails on a separate sheet which references this question.
15.	belor State	ou, knowing its aims and having the specific intent to bring them about, belong to, or have you ever aged to, any organization or group which advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United as or of Arkansas by force and violence?(Enter Yes or No). If the answer is "Yes", full details on a separate sheet which references this question.

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I certify that I have read the following Arkansas Court Rules:

### NOTE:

Attach a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$1,500.00, payable to the CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT, to the front of this Character Questionnaire. A personal or business check will not be accepted.

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# RECORD CHECK FORM

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To: Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners

120 Justice Building

625 Marshall Little Rock, AR 72201

Law School:	
Address:	
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	Graduate's Full Name
	SS#
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shown above. Th	ted above received the Juris Doctor Degree from this institution on the date ne graduate's records do not indicate any honor code violations or any other nation bearing on the graduate's character or fitness to practice law.
This graduate is	recommended for admission to the Bar of Arkansas.
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# CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE COMPLETE ONLY FOR PERIODS OF PRIVATE PRACTICE

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